

CONVEYANCING PRACTICE

patient's estate are directed by the Master's order to be paid out of the patient's estate.

The jurisdiction of the Master is sometimes exercised respecting persons who, while not of unsound mind, are incapable through mental infirmity arising from disease or age of managing their own affairs. Large numbers of cases of this kind are annually administered by the Department.

In "small cases/" i.e. where the property of a lunatic does not exceed £700 in value, or the total income does not exceed £100 a year, an application can be made for the appointment of a receiver on production of a medical certificate (i.e. without an affidavit) and a signed statement of the kindred and fortune of the patient. The proceedings are conducted without the payment of any Court fees and form a not inconsiderable part of the work of the Management and Administration Department.

Generally, all receivers have to enter into a guarantee or fidelity bond (usually with a guarantee or insurance company) for the due and proper performance of their duties. The premium on the bond is paid out of the income of the patient's estate. The amount of the security to be given is fixed by the Master according to the amount of the patient's estate.

Receivers must keep strict and accurate accounts of all their dealings and transactions in

connection
with a patient's estate and a separate
banking
account is essential.